

## ***Study Guide on 1 Corinthians 12:12-31***

### **New American Standard Bible**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.  
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

(1 Corinthians 12:12) For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

(1 Corinthians 12:13) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

(1 Corinthians 12:14) For the body is not one member, but many.

(1 Corinthians 12:15) If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.

(1 Corinthians 12:16) And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.

(1 Corinthians 12:17) If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

(1 Corinthians 12:18) But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

(1 Corinthians 12:19) If they were all one member, where would the body be?

(1 Corinthians 12:20) But now there are many members, but one body.

(1 Corinthians 12:21) And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

(1 Corinthians 12:22) On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;

(1 Corinthians 12:23) and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable,

(1 Corinthians 12:24) whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked,

(1 Corinthians 12:25) so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

(1 Corinthians 12:26) And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

(1 Corinthians 12:27) Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

(1 Corinthians 12:28) And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

(1 Corinthians 12:29) All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they?

(1 Corinthians 12:30) All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?

(1 Corinthians 12:31) But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.

**Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:**

**Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study**

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?